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Julius, Chika and the Kurdish believers, continue to do amazing things though the power of His Word being proclaimed.



"The Gospel is not simply preached... it is planted." — Hudson Taylor

"Stirred to Share: A Season of God's Faithfulness"

JULY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you! We are overflowing with gratitude as we share what God has been doing across our ministry these past months. Your prayers and partnership continue to bear real fruit in Sulaymaniyah and beyond. Thank you for standing with us. Here is a brief look at what's happened and what's ahead.



Hiwa Youth Conference 2026 **OUR FIRST CITY YOUTH CONFERENCE**

From June 27–29, we hosted the very first Church Youth Conference in our city, a milestone moment for our community. Young people came from different cities to attend, and we were humbled to welcome both believers and Muslim friends who joined in fellowship and dialogue. The outcome was beautiful and deeply encouraging.

- We were honored to have Anna and Julia, these young ladies in their early 20s, who traveled from the States to Sulaymaniyah to partner wonderfully with our local youth ministry team and volunteers to facilitate the conference.
- Participants received custom-printed t-shirts and caps bearing the church logo that were worn during the conference, even by our Muslim friends.
- Two full days of teachings, conversations, sharing meals, games, and transformative interactions, and the 3rd day of picnic and outdoor activities.
- Both Anna and Julia are now prayerfully considering a long-term ministry commitment. Please join us in praying for God's clear direction in their lives.

The response was so strong that the Youth Conference is now a permanent fixture on our annual calendar. We look forward to the next one in 2027.





PEACE FEAST — LOVING OUR REFUGEE NEIGHBORS

On June 25th, we hosted our second Peace Feast with refugee families in the camp, a time to share a meal, laughter, and genuine friendship, modeling the life and love of Jesus tangibly.

This event began with a team member of our movement in Reno, working alongside partners serving refugee families in their communities. The impact was so significant that our local team in Sulaymaniyah hosted our first Peace Feasts last year.

Our goal is to host four Peace Feasts each year; two further Peace Feasts are already planned for September and December of this year. Both gatherings will be held with the same families, allowing relationships to deepen with each successive meeting and giving our team a consistent, intentional rhythm for outreach and discipleship within the community.





The Peace Feast is not a stand-alone event; it is a strategic and spiritual building block toward our larger goal of planting a church in the Barika and Arbat camp community. Church planting among displaced and refugee populations depends on relationships of trust that are earned over months and years, not won in a single meeting. **NEW CHURCH PLANTING — BARIKA CAMP & ARBAT**

We are full of gratitude for the support that will allow us to purchase a building in the Arbat community TO ESTABLISH OUR SECOND CHURCH PLANT, a home base for believers and open for seekers from Barika camp and the Arbat community to gather for weekly worship, training, discipleship, and community life.

This new church plant matters because it moves discipleship from something believers and seekers travel toward to something they live within. Right now, believers from the Barika camp make the weekly trip into Sulaymaniyah to gather, a real barrier to consistency and to inviting their own neighbors into faith. A church home in Arbat changes that: it turns believers from occasional visitors into a steady, visible presence in their own community, able to be salt and light where they actually live. For a refugee population already carrying the weight of displacement and instability, purchasing a permanent building also speaks louder than words; it says we are staying, and this is home, while laying the groundwork for the congregation to grow and multiply locally rather than be limited by how far

people can travel each week. In a camp of more than 10,000 people and a community/town of more than 50,000 people, this is a tremendous opportunity and blessing.

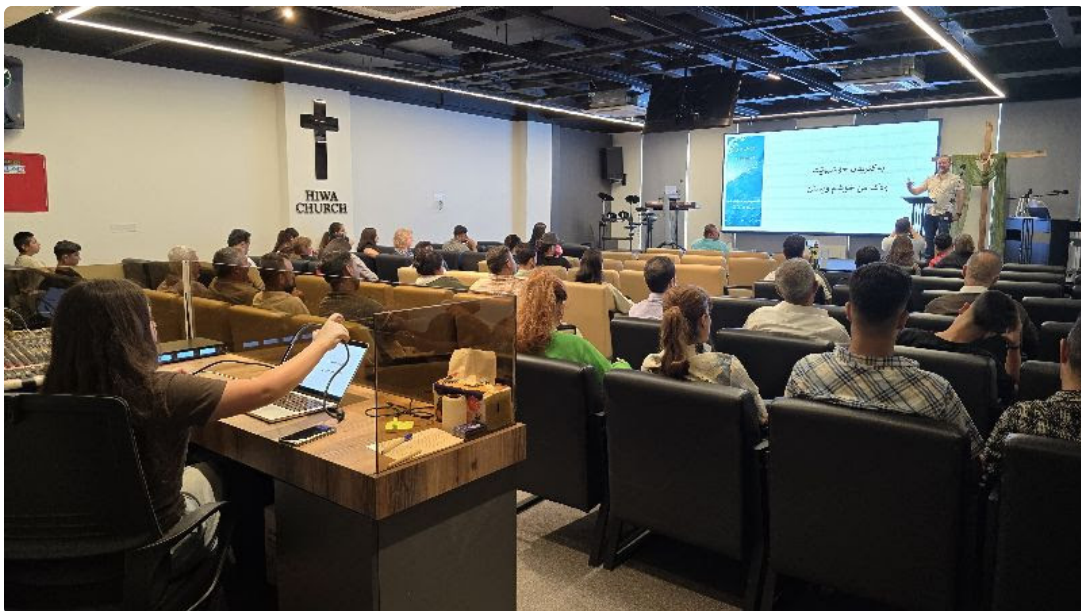


HIWA CHURCH — GROWING IN FAITH AND BOLDNESS

The Lord continues to grow Hiwa Church, in numbers, in the spiritual transformation of our members, and in the courage and boldness of our leadership. We're especially thankful for a few recent milestones:

- We launched a live-stream of our weekly Friday service, the first church in our city to do so, taking a bold and public step of faith.
- Our weekly Bible studies are now live-streamed as well, reaching viewers and sparking meaningful conversation far beyond our city.
- 12 recent baptisms, with one newly baptized with an interesting story of conversion and background.
- Our Local ministry team is undergoing Media and production Training.
- Delegation from the president's office visited the Hiwa church and took photos and videos because the Hiwa church is selected to represent the Christian Community in our city in an upcoming National documentary on co-existence and religious freedom.

Share the link with your Kurdish friends who might be blessed to follow our live-streams. [Share Link](#)









WOULD YOU PRAY AND PARTNER WITH US?

- For Anna and Julia, as they seek God's direction for long-term ministry.
- For the purchase of the Arbat building for our new church plant.
- For continued fruit from our live-streamed services and Bible studies.
- For God's provision as we plan our next Peace Feasts and the 2027 Youth Conference.

If you'd like to partner with any of these initiatives through prayer, giving, or

a future visit, we would love to hear from you. Reach out anytime; we treasure this partnership in the Gospel.

With deep gratitude and love in Christ



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